UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

ROLAND GRANT GILBRANSON, Plaintiff,

No. 3:20-cv-01784 (SRU)

v.

KILOLO KIJAKAZI, ACTING COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY, Defendant.¹

ORDER GRANTING COMMISSIONER'S CONSENT MOTION FOR ENTRY OF JUDGMENT WITH REVERSAL AND REMAND

The defendant, Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of the Social Security

Administration, has moved to enter judgment under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), with a reversal and remand of the cause to the Commissioner for further action. *See* Doc. No. 23.

Counsel for the Commissioner represents that she has contacted counsel for Plaintiff, Richard B. Grabow, Esq., who consents to the relief sought in this motion.

Under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), I have the authority to enter a judgment with a reversal and remand of the cause to the Commissioner for further proceedings. *See Shalala v. Schaefer*, 509 U.S. 292, 297 (1993); *Melkonyan v. Sullivan*, 501 U.S. 89, 98 (1991). Remand for further development of the record is appropriate when gaps exist in the administrative record or when the administrative law judge ("ALJ") committed legal error. *See Parker v. Harris*, 626 F.2d 225, 235 (2d Cir. 1980).

¹ On or about July 9, 2021, Kilolo Kijakazi became the acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration and is substituted for Andrew Saul as defendant in this action. *See* Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 25(d)(1). The Clerk of the Court is directed to update the docket accordingly.

Here, the Commissioner has determined that a remand of the case for additional administrative action is necessary. Upon remand, the ALJ will be instructed to: (1) give further consideration to whether the claimant has a severe medically determinable cervical spine impairment in accordance with 20 C.F.R. §§ 404.1521, 404.1522, 416.921, and 416.922; and (2) evaluate the medical opinion evidence in accordance with 20 C.F.R. §§ 404.1520c and 416.920c. Accordingly, I **GRANT** the Commissioner's Consent Motion for Entry of Judgment Under Sentence Four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). The Clerk shall enter a judgment of reversal and remand under sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), and shall remand the case to the Commissioner for

So ordered.

Dated at Bridgeport, Connecticut, this 1st day of September 2021.

further proceedings consistent with the motion.

/s/ STEFAN R. UNDERHILL Stefan R. Underhill United States District Judge